

### Educators can:

- Assist parents and students with college and career exploration.
- Track students' progress in developing career plans.
- Customize courses in the system to match school offerings and graduation requirements.
- Access lesson plans and activities that incorporate I Have A Plan Iowa® into all subjects.
- Create usage and outcome-based reports for their district and school.

### Need Help?

Iowa College Aid offers free I Have A Plan Iowa® training and support to Iowa educators and professionals, available through your Area Education Agency, webinars, the ICN or at your location by request. Contact your I Have A Plan Iowa® trainer or Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456 for more information. Visit the educator section of [www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov](http://www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov) to:

- Request a training
- Access tutorials and manuals
- Select lesson plans and activities
- Request free publications
- Access Roads to Success curriculum
- Access educator resources for Paws in Jobland®

# Everyone needs a plan.



## I Have A Plan Iowa® can help you plan for success!



### About Iowa College Aid

Iowa College Aid is a state agency with over 40 years of experience connecting students and families with the essential resources and services they need to plan, prepare and pay for college. For more information, visit our website at:

[www.IowaCollegeAid.gov](http://www.IowaCollegeAid.gov)

877-272-4456

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- High School Planning
- Career Planning
- College Planning
- Financial Success Planning



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## What is I Have A Plan Iowa®?

I Have A Plan Iowa® is a comprehensive, web-based planning tool provided free to all Iowans by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. I Have A Plan Iowa® users can explore career options, investigate education opportunities, prepare for college admission exams and research financial aid for college.

The career component of I Have A Plan Iowa® has been designated as Iowa's career information system by the Iowa Department of Education.



### I Have A Plan Iowa® and the Iowa Code

Iowa Code\* specifies that all Iowa students must create student curriculum plans. Students begin work on their plans during 8th grade and continue to build upon them throughout high school by completing identified state components specific to each grade level. As Iowa's designated career information and decision-making system, I Have A Plan Iowa® incorporates the state components into grade-specific guideways to help schools meet the requirements of the student curriculum plan.



### The Iowa Guideways

An Iowa Guideway in I Have A Plan Iowa® has been created for each grade level to assist in meeting the required state components. All students, beginning with the graduating class of 2013, are required to complete the state components.

Iowa Guideways:

- Provide an easy step-by-step process for students to complete the required components.
- Allow the Iowa Department of Education to receive the required data reports automatically.

*Note: Components completed outside of the Guideway will not be included in Iowa Department of Education Reports.*

*\* Iowa Code Section 279.61 went into effect for the school year beginning July 1, 2008.*

## Who Benefits?

I Have A Plan Iowa® benefits students, parents, adults and educators.

Middle school and high school students can:

- Create meaningful course plans to achieve college and career goals.
- Complete assessments to better understand their interests, skills and values, and how they relate to potential careers.
- Prepare for the ACT or SAT.
- Explore education and training programs required for their chosen career paths.
- Search for colleges or universities that meet their wants and needs.
- Research financial aid options and search for scholarships.
- Apply for many State of Iowa grants and scholarships with a single online application.
- Build a lifelong electronic portfolio with their assessment results, work experiences, college searches, scholarship searches, goals, plans and more.

Parents can:

- Create a portfolio for personal career and college planning.
- View their child's portfolio (with the child's approval) to help keep him or her on track.
- Approve their child's required 8<sup>th</sup> grade student curriculum plan.
- Learn about financial aid options.
- Create a plan to pay for their child's education.



College students can:

- Complete career assessments to find compatible majors.
- Use the SLOPE calculator to forecast student loan payments.
- Search for scholarships.
- Build or add to a resume.
- Apply for State of Iowa scholarships and grants.
- Search for careers based on their majors.

Adults can:

- Build or add to a resume.
- Prepare for an interview
- Search for jobs.
- Connect with local IowaWorks offices.
- Match interests, education, and experience with careers.
- Discover how their current skills transfer to other careers.